CURRENT NEWS.

WASHINGTON. Prof. C. V. Riley has resigned the position Entomologist for the Bureau of Agriculire, and will again devote his entire labors to the commission authorized by Congres to inquire into the grasshopper pest, etc. The jury in the case of the Widow Oliver

vs. Simon Cameron, for damages for breach of promise, etc., rendered a verdiet in favor of defendant. It is said that an appeal will The Senate has confirmed the nominati of Francis A. Walker of New Haven as Su-

perintendent of the Tenth Census.

The Democratic Senatorial Caucus, on the 2d, formally decided to retain permanently 15 of the present officers of the Senate. Among these are Capt. Isaac Basset, Assistan Doorkeeper, and the venerable Wm. John (well known as keeper of the main door of the Senate Chamber), both of whom have been in the service of the Senate 40 years of more; and also Amzi Smith, Superintend-ent of the Document Room, together with two of the Acting Assistant Doorkeepers who are erippied Union soldiers. It was also agreed that changes in the force of the clerical employees shall be gradually made during the present month in such a manner as to avoid inconvenience as much as possi

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Prof. Andrew D. White of New York as finister to Germany; Cornelius A. Logan of Illinois as Minister to Central America also, A. B. Norton, United States Marsha for the Northern District of Texas, and Jefferson P. Kidder, Associate Justice Supreme Court, Dakota.

The President has nominated David T. Corbin of South Carolina for Chief-Justice Supreme Court, Utah, and Thos. H. Wads-Moneys at La Mesilla, New Mexico.

Prof. C. V. Riley, late entomologist of the Department of Agriculture, says the cause of his resignation was an unwillingness to incur further risk of being treated discoursly whenever he made any suggestion for the benefit of this division.

The members of the National Board of Health have agreed to recommend a bill establishing a rigid quarantine, foreign and pland, and authorizing its enforcement by Federal authority. It is recommended that at river cities and other points where the epidemic prevails the most rigid surveilance of vessels be enforced. The Southern enators and Representatives it is said will sist upon legislation on the yellow fever and cholera epidemics before the present

Prof. Cyrus Thomas of Illinois has been the Department of Agriculture, made va-cant by the resignation of Prof. Riley, but

e has declined the appointment.

The organization of the National Emigra tion Aid Society, having for its object the egulation of immigration from the South o the West, has been further perfected by toe, consisting of Senator Windom, President; Senators Hamlin, Chandler and Teller;

The Commercial printing-office at Davis City, Decatur County, Iowa, was burned on the night of the 30th uit. by incendiaries On the following day two men, Irving Tuck-er, a notoriously bad character, and one named Tartar, were seized by a mob, and Tucker hanged. Tartar was rescued and placed in jail. A bagnio, kept by Martha ng torn down and contents destroyed.

A special to the Galveston News, from Fort Griffin, says that on the night of the 26th ult. nine disguised and armed men took possession of Hamburg's store, on Tepee Creek, near Staked Plain, covering the clerks and others with pistols until they robbed the store of all the money, arms and ammuni-tion. They then attacked the camp of a party en route to Leadville, taking them by surprise, and shooting Mr. Anderson, who attempted resistance. They took about \$300 and all the live stock of the party. After leaving the vicinity they went to Blanco Canyon, robbed the store of Conrad & Roth of \$1,500 worth of provisions, arms, etc. They are believed to be the notorious Reeves gang from Lincoln County, N. M. The rangers are in pursuit of the outlaws.

The Iowa Democratic State Conventivill be called to meet at Council Bluffs on

Railway Company have obtained p by the purchase of securities of the South-ern Divisions of the Southeastern Railroad, running from Evansville, Ind., to Nashville, Tenn. The two lines have hitherto beer

run in sharp competition.

Walter Watson was hanged at Newport,
Ind., on the 3d, for the murder of Ezra Compton in January last.

Dr. Henry Meyer and Mrs. Henry Gel derman are under arrest in Chicago, charg-ed with murder. Some time ago Meyer's wife and Mrs. Gelderman's husband both stances which, taken in connection with the subsequent conduct of the surviv-ing husband and wife, were deemed sus-picious. The bodies of the two deceased were secordingly exhumed and both show cd commistation traces of personing.

William Harris died in Louisville, Ky., on the 2d, from a congestive chill, supposed to have resulted from excessive fatigue and exhaustion following a six days! pedestrian

contest in which he came out a close second.

A committee of prominent river men, appointed by the recent Cincinnati River Con-vention to examine into Captain Cowden's plan for the improvement of livers, make a report recommending the adoption of the plans presented by Captain Cowden for the reclamation of overflowed lands in the Mississippi Valley, of artificial artists for the water at various points along the line of the Mississippi River. They further recom-mend that a convention be held at St. Louis and an excursion made to New Orleans by steamer, and that all Senators, members of congress and others interested in cheap transportation be invited to attend. The committee also indorse the resolutions passed by the New Orleans Commercial Convention last December, and respectfully request the Governors of the sevaral States ordering on the Mississippi River to appoint commissioners on behalf of their re-spective States, believing that thereby a permanent fountain head will be established, from which such special information cure the accomplishment of the desired end.

business block bounded by Fifth Street, Washington Avenue, St. Charles Street and Fourth Street, St. Louis, was partially destroyed by fire on the night of the 4th. During the conflagration two galiant firemen, Billy Ruetz and Fred Nisson, were killed by falling wails. Mr. George W. Farrant, aged 28, a member of the St. Louis National Guards, was also killed ing Cabul River, near Elemalabade, India, property in the Armory, the rear of men were drowned.

which was on fire. The occupants A tribe of the Afric of the buildings destroyed were Apple on the road from Peshawar to Jellalabad, ton, Noyes & Maude, wholesale boots 700 English soldiers, who were ransomed for

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her. The Emperor grants the Princess a dowry of 30,000 marks, of which one

half is to be regarded as an actual mar-riage portion, such as the Princesses of

russia are entitled to have, the other as

the personal gift of the Emperor, passing into the free possession of the Princess. The dowry, not a magnificent

one, is to be delivered within four weeks

after the marriage to such persons as the Queen may select. The Emperor also agreed to provide the lady with

princely apparel, jewels, and an outfit suitable to a Prussian Princess.

—The greatest help to a man in life is a good-natured, loving, contented wife—but the greatest trouble is to find

out one of that kind .- Elmira Gazette

mow at Leadville, to pick his teeth with, and the first thing he hears is: "Say, you thief, did you know hay was worth

-When a man discovers that he has

got away with \$2,674.13 worth of tobac-

co and cigars during his life, he doesn't decide to stop smoking and chewing, but to do more begging of his friends.

-Now shut up your hens. Don't let

them out till they can be of service. Wait till your neighbor has planted his garden, when they will be found excellent help in bringing things to the sur-

-A member of the rhetorical class in

a certain college had just finished his declamation when the Professor said,

"Mr. —, do you suppose a General would address his soldiers in the man-

"Yes, sir, I do," was the reply, "if he was half scared to death."—Boston

A SPRING POEM SPRUNG.

A Deadly Point of Pronunciation.

order to relieve the child from its suffer

him paregoric, then a stronger prepara-

ing, those in charge commenced giving

\$200 a ton around here?"

face .- Boston Transcript.

more hair now that born. Norristown Herald.

-Let a man pull a straw out of a hav-

Bachelor.

hats and caps; Miller, Grant & Co., retail tries have declared war against Chili. laces and fancy goods, besides a number of The British under Capt. Gough hav other smaller dealers, occupying stores on feated 5,000 Afghans, killing 400. The Brit-Fourth Street and Washington Avenue. The ish loss was three officers and three men otal loss is not far from \$500,000; insurance

robably about \$300,000. The Southern Pacific Railroad of Arizon will be opened May 1 to Marioopa, A. T., 50 cide. niles east of Yuma, the present terminus. The trial of Tom Buford for the murder of ludge Elliott of the Kentucky Court of Ap- Longford, Ireland. peals has been set for April 28, a special term

of the Criminal Court having been called for John Conover and Frank Stewart were killed and Jake Corbin dangerously injured by the explosion of a saw-mill boiler at Jefrsonville, Ind., on the 4th.

tined by Whitelaw Reid of the New York Asm have been made.

A dispatch from Cape Town, March 18, Tribune in December last.

mith, were drowned in the river at Wells- his eldest son and 300 warriors, surrer ville, O., on the 4th, by the upsetting of a skiff.

camp. Oham is supposed to be an aspirant for Cetawayo's throne. 1,700 bales of cotton, was burned off Galves-

on on the 4th. A total loss. Simon Sevarns and Willie Hughes, the latter aged only 13, were killed by the ex-

The jury in the case of Warren Tate, who killed William Love in the Court-house at ment upon this continent. He accepted the Indianapolis in September last, rendered a arbitrament of the sword. He was very erdict of not guilty.

A band of Indians, supposed to be straggling Sloux and Gros Ventres from the North, are raiding the Yellowstone Valley, both sides to keep alive the animosities and capturing stock and driving the settlers into hatred of the past. If Congress would purapturing stock and driving the settlers into

the military posts. Troops have been sent out from Forts Custer and Keogh. A men named Bland, who had stolen horses from near Fort Scott, Kansas, and fled to Goliad County, Texas, was recently esptured there by a pursuing officer, aided by a posse of citizens, and lodged in jail. uently the vigilantes took posses of the culprit and hanged him to a tree.

At Davenport, Iowa, on the night of the 4th, Harry C. Watt, keeper of a cigar store, and his wife's sister, Louisa Filter, both committed suicide by drinking prussic acid. Watt left a letter to his wife, acknowledging they had mutually agreed to end their tives simultaneously. Some months ago, Watt, while handling a revolver, shot his wife in he breast, nearly killing her. It was then

her sister. th, resulted in the election of Campbell as Justice of the Supreme Court, and Grosenor and Shearer as Regents of the University, all Republicans, over the Demomajority of from 5,000 to 10,000.

At Gifferd, fewa, a small station on the Central Railroad, John Bell, station agent, his lady friend, through the heart twice then telegraphed the ratiros deflicials to seni another operator up as he was going to kill himself. Shortly after he fired two shots in to his abdomen and lay down to die. The girl was the most estimable daughter of a

minent merchant. The causes that led the tragedy are not stated. The Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Com pany has made arrangements with a syndi-cate of capitalists for the capital necessary to extend its lines to Leadville, down the Rio Grande and into San Juan.

O'Leary has challenged all comers to a 75 hours' walk for a champion belt and other prizes, at the Chicago Exposition Building. mmencing May 28.

Jacobs, Republican, has been elected May r of Cincinnati by about 1,000 majority. Frank Nevins, Springfield (Ill.) correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, has been committed to the County Juli for contempt of the House, is refusing to answer questions regarding the source of his information for pertain dispatches for that paper.

BAST AND SOUTHBAST. There was a severe saow-storm on Long sland on the 1st of April, causing the stop-

page of railroad trains.

The Rhode Island State election, held he 2d, resulted in the election of Van Zandt, epublican, for Governor. The total vote cast was—Republican, 9,718; Democratic 5,515; Greenback and scattering, 577. A severe ternado passed over Brown Sum-

it, N. C., on the 3d. Several houses were blown down, scattering the furniture broad-cast. One boy was killed and many seri-outly injured by falling timbers. Trees and ences were prostrated and great damage

The venerable Madame Elizabeth Patteron Bonsparte, widow of Jerome Bonsparte, youngest brother of the Emperor Napoleon died at her home in Baltimere on the 4th, aged 94. Her marriage took place in 1803, when the young Bonaparte was on a visit to his country, he being at that time 19 and she 18 years of sge. The Emperor refused to recognize the marriage, and forbade the young wife to enter France. Her husband left her at Lisbon, Portugal, and proceeded to Paris for the purpose of making an effort to conciliate the Emperor, but failed in this mission, and finally weakly gave in to the Emperor's mbitious project and wedded the Princess Frederica Catherine, daughter of the King of Wirtemberg. The American Madame

tween Sonaki and Soukeltets, on the 28th of March. Nineteen men perished and 14 others had to be sent to the hospital.

It is said that the English Government has made preparations for placing Wali Mohammed, a cousin of the late Ameer, on the Afghan throne, in piece of Yakoob Khan. It appears that Wali Mohammed has always proven himself a friend of the English, and after learning of the death of Shere All, he left Cabul and passed over into the English

while trying to save some of the company's on the 31st of March. A Lieutenant and 40 A tribe of the Afrides recently captured

Mack & Co., wholesale clothiers; Jacobs
Brothers & Hoffman, wholesale jeans and
23 miles distant from Peshawar.

Peru and Bolivia have concluded an offenelothing; Dodd, Brown & Co. (goods on Peru and Bolivia h we concluded an offen-storage); Altheimer & White, wholesale sive and defensive alliance and both coun-

> killed and 31 wounded. Isaac Fletcher, Member of Par iament for Lockermouth, England, has committed sui-

Justin McCarthy, the Home-rule candidate, has been returned to Parliament from The annual boat race between the Oxford and Cambridge University crews was won

by the Cambridge boys.

Prof. Goering of Leipsic, who has been engaged on the third volume of "Kritische osophie," committed suicide at Elsen rath from over study. It is authoritatively announced that the . A dispatch from Berlin says that numer-German Mission was tendered to and de- ous arrests of students suspected of Social-

Three boys, named Kelly, Gilbert and says that Oham, Cetewayo's brother, with

GENERAL. Jefferson Davis, in a recent interview, sure to come in the progress of events and in the solving of great problems of govern hopeful of the future of the country. The only disturbing elements to be discerned legitimate duties of general legislation for the good of the whole country, all great social and industrial questions, which were

soon settle themselves, and the country Congress to pass a bill throwing open lands in the Indian Territory for settlement. The bill will provide for the establishment of United States Courts in the Territory and for the surrender of conditional land grants, held by railroads having lines in the Terrihat he had illicitly loved Louisa, and that tory, to the Government. The railroads are willing to surrender the grants provided settlers are permitted to come into the Ter

ritory. The public debt statement for April supposed that the shooting was accidental, shows an increase in the debt during March but it is now suspected that he intended to of \$892,724; total debt, \$2,422,796,463; total take her life in order that he might marry interest, \$25,091,200; cash in Treasury, \$420,-787,458; total coin bonds outstanding, \$2,-006,091,400.

martial-the charge being of not having cratic and Greenback coalition ticket, by a moved his command on the night of August 26, 1802, in obedience to an order from Gen. Pope—report that it was a manifest physical imposibility to march over that road that that it would have been wiser if Gen. Porter had delayed the attempt still

> very ordinary discretion of a corps comexercise it. Gen. Porter is entirely exonerated by the report, and the Board says, that several of the witnesses, upon whose testi-mony he was convicted, deliberately made false statements to prejudice the case against

The United States steamer Plymouth which sailed from Boston, March 15, for a cruise to the West Indies, has returned, the yellow fever having broken out when 300 niles southeast of Bermuda. Egan, the boatswain, died of the disease. The ship came from the West Indies last autumn with yellow fever, and it was thought that fumigation and the frosts of a Northern winter had destroyed all germs of the dis-

William Astor has given John T. Raymond. the actor, \$5,000 to be used in the prosecution of Currie, who killed Ben. Porter at

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS. In the Senate, on the 1st, the bill appr

In the Senate, on the 1st, the bill appropriating \$200,000 for the purpose of disinfecting yellow-fever vessels, passed. Mr. Cockreil (D., Mo.) introduced a bill for the erection of a public building at Jefferson City, Mo. The Senate went into executive session pending a mission by Mr. Edinands (R., Vt.) to take up the resolution heretofore offered by him declaring that the business and other interests of the country required that legislation should be confined to the objects for which the extra session was called, and, when the doors reopened, adjoursed......in the House, Mr. Atkins (R., Team.) reported the Legislative Appropriation bill. It appropriates between \$15,000,000 and \$16,000,000. The bill contains provisions repealing sections \$01,820 and \$21 of the Revised Statutes, and postic, shall be publicly drawn from a box containing the names of not less than 300 persons possessing necessary qualifications which names shall have been placed therein by the Clerk of the Court and a Commissioner is to be a citizen residing in the district and a well known member of the pointent party opposing that to which the Clerk belongs. It also repeals all other sections and laws authorizing the appointment of Chief Supervisors of Elections. The House went into 1 ommittee of the Whole on Michael or Deputy Marshals of Elections. The House went into 1 ommittee of the House, and by Messers, Belford (Co.), Humphrey (Wis.) and Frye (Me.), on the Republican side.

of Wirtemberg. The American Madame
Bonaparte proceeded to England, where her
son, Jerome Bonaparte, was born. The latter died in 1869. Mme. Bonaparte made
several efforts to becure the recognition of
harself and son by the Franch Government,
but never succeeded, although an Imperial
Council in 1852 decided that the son might
bear the name of Bonaparte. He lived some
time in France, and received a handsome allowance from his father.

A destructive fire occurred in Philadelphia on the morning of the 6th, the property destroyed being several large business
buildings on the square partially bounded
by Brown, Race and Fourth Streets. The
total loss is about \$750,000. Albert Fruh was
killed and several others injured by falling
walls.

FORKIGN.

A battalion of French zouaves and skirmishers, on the way from Aumele to Baghar,
Algeria, was caught in a snow storm between Sonaki and Soukelteta, on the 28th of
Warch. Ninetzen men parished and lie oth.

Committee on Privileges and Elections on the
March. Ninetzen men parished and lie oth.

Committee on the Republican side.

In the Senate, on the Republican si In the Senate, on the 2d, various bills were

Committee on Privileges and Elections on the credentials of Charles H. Bell, appointed by the Governor Senator from New Hampshire, was Governor Senator from New Hampsnire, was taken up and Mr. Hoar (R., Mass.) argued in favor of admitting Mr. Bell, saying there was an unbroken line of precedents for so doing. Mr. Voorbees (D., Ind.) introduced a bill to authorize the President to appoint James Shields a Brigadier General of the Army. Mr. Cockrell (D., Mo.) presented a memorial from the Missouri Legislature asking the passage of an act capating persons. memorial from the Missouri Legislature asking the passage of an act granting pensions to survivors of the Mexican War. After an executive session the Senate adjourned till Monday.....in the House, the debate on the Army Appropriation bill was continued. Mr. Krmy Appropriation bill was continued. Mr. Kott (D., Ky.) led off, followed by Mr. Houk (R., Tenn.), and then Mr. Blackburn (D., Ky.), followed by Mr. Robeson (E., N. J.) and others.

.....The debate on the Army bill was continued in the House, Mr. Singleton (D., Ill.) and shoes (in hands of assignee); L. M. the sum of £30,000 by the Viceroy. The how two political parties, after waging a hamilton & Co., wholesale piece goods; Afrides occupy the territory south of Khyber bitter partisan war during the week, met to-

day, so as to prevent "the party of the Cen-ter" from introducing measures of financial relief. He favored the Democratic amend-ments to the bill, as did also Mr. De La Matyr (G., Ind.). Mr. Jones (G.-D., Texas) opposed the placing of political legislation on an appropriation bill. Mr. Hawley (R., Conn.) then spoke in opposition to the amendments, and Mr. Tucker (D., Va.) in their favor. Mr. Garfield (R., O.) made some further remarks in which he expressed his their favor. Mr. Garfield (R., O.) made some further remarks, in which he expressed his willingness to help the Democrats to wipe from the statute books the law authorizing the use of the army at the polls, but said a bill for that purpose should be introduced in the regular manner. The committee then rose, and the House ordered all debate on the bill closed to-morrow (Saturday) at 12:30 p.m., after which it adjourned.

The Senate was not in session on the 5thIn the House, the debate on the Army oill and amendments was continued, and a vote being finally taken the bill passed—yeas vote being finally taken the bill passed—
148, nays 122. All of the Greenbackers, the exception of Messrs. Barlow and Forsythe (III.) voted with Democrats in the affirmative. A tion to adjourn to Tuesday was made and carried—yeas 134, nays 103, Greenbackers, with the exception of Mr. low (Vt.) voted in the negative, as did al number of Democrats. (The effect of journing over Monday is to prevent the troduction of all new bills.)

In the Senate, on the 7th, bills to repea the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad grant and for the relief of the Central Branch Union Pacific Rallroad Company were introduced. The Army Appropriation bill, received from the House, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations......There was no session

FASHION NOTES.

-The coming bonnet is the gypsy. -Lace is the feature in spring milinery.

-Shawls of all kinds are revived for spring wraps.

-No toilet is complete without iabot of some kind. -Shirred linings for bonnet brim take precedence of all others. -Black toilets and black lace bon-

nets are the furor of the moment in Paris. -Satin and French bunting make a beautiful combination for walking suits. -High fraizes and long jabots will be the leading styles for neckwear this

spring. -French bunting takes precedence of other semi-diaphanous spring fab-

-For certain styles of beauty, gay Chinese silks and foulards make lovely morning robes. -New York milliners have shown

more colored than black or . white bonnets this spring. -Alsatian, Normandy, and Lorraine ows rival turbans as finishes of fashonable coiffures.

-The latest novelties in shoes are the Henri Trois sabots and the Catherine de fedici souliers. -Parisian coiffures are de rigu

low on the back of the head, or rather

on the nape of the neck. -Derby hats and ulsters should be

-Pretty stockings and low shoes have become a too apparent fact as a part of young ladies' toilets. -Breton lace drapery scarfs twine all

around bonnet crowns, and then form the strings of many bonnets. -All sorts of hats, bonnets, turban and caps are in vogue this spring for outdoor as well as indoor wear.

-Many new bonnets have the crowns entirely covered with flowers sewn flat on the chip, straw, or foundation. -Contrasts in trimmings and pipings costumes are given preference over shades of the prevailing colors of the

-White and colored Canton crape connets, trimmed with flowers, feathers and lace, appear at the openings among other millinery novelties.

-Broad-brimmed hats are more suitable for our bright, warm American summer than English round hats, and are much more becoming. -Gypsy bonnets have large flowing

brims raised in front, tied down at the sides and falling on the neck, after being partially raised in the back. -Sattens and mummy cloth novelties show dainty little flower and leaf bou-

quet and vine patterns in jardiniere colors and pure white grounds. —The quaintest mixtures of color appear in mummy cloths, as stripes of yellow-green, pink and white, all mingled together, and patterns resembling Satsuma ware, with creamy grounds and small flower designs in shades of brown,

The Habits of the Honey Bec.

The honey bee is a model of neatness as well as of industry. The infallible instinct of the insect enables it to select only the most delicious nectar produced n the grand laboratory of Nature. Bees are impatient of any disagreeable odor, and are enraged if impure or decaying matter is brought in proximity to their hive. Bees sometimes go three miles from the apiary in search of honey. Whenever a bee has secured a load of nectar, it at once rises in the air to a certain altitude, apparently takes its bearings, and then starts in a perfectly straight direction for the hive. This

Bees are short-lived, their average exstence being about six weeks. This pplies only to the workers. The queens live much longer, enjoying the preroga-tives of royalty. The drones are male insects, and, having fulfilled their mission, either suffer a violent death or are driven out of the hive by the workers. As working bees are necessary, and have no share in parental duties or obligations save to provide food for their suc-cessors, and as the bees that gather honey in the early part of the summer never live to enjoy it the following winter, their unwearied industry seems to be characterized by the purer unselto be charactarized by the purest unsel-fishness. Bee-keepers apply the term "Siberian Winter" to the present inclement season, on account of the unusual severity and unfavorable result to their stock of bees. An unprecedented number of colonies perished during the intensely cold weather of January, many apiaries being entirely depopulated .- Troy Times.

A Factory in China.

The fact that a woolen mill is to be built in China, under the direction of two German gentlemen, one an en-gineer and the other a manufacturer from Aix la Chapelle, has lately excited some discussion in Lancashire. There is talk also of a cotton mill somewhere in the vast Empire-tre Chinese papers arguing, from the old exclusive point o view, that if mills are built and goods made in the country the foreigner will no longer have an inducement to come there, and Western civilization, with its pushing and aggressive agents, will —Forty-five gallons of water per crase to trouble them.—Boston Advermile is used in the running of an ordi-

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Personal and Literary. -John G. Whittier is unable from ill nealth to perform any literary work. -Mr. Henry James, the novelist, is now only 36 years old. He is a native of New York, born in April, 1843. -Munkacsy, the Hungarian artist, who has recently sold one picture for

\$52,000, was formerly a carpenter, and has painted only a few years. —Hon. Thomas Fitch, formerly of Utah, and later the Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives, is about to appear as Richelieu at the Bald-win Theater in San Francisco.

-Professor Mary J. Safford-Blake, M. D., gave the valedictory before the Faculty at the sixth annual Commen ment of the Boston University School of Medicine, in Tremont Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, March 5. -Mr. William Morris, the English

poet and upholsterer, is now practicing the art of weaving. Not only is he endeavoring to carry out practically some of his own designs, but he has set to work to dye his own fabrics. -Mr. D. R. Locke ("Petroleum V Nasby") has written a play founded up-on the "Widow Bedott Papers," using the Widow herself, Tim Crane and Elder

niffles. The play will be produced by Neil Burgess, a Providence actor. -The widow of ex-Gov. Samuel Bard is lecturing in Louisiana for the support of herself and daughter. Her topic is "Contest; or, Time on Review." She s a native Louisianian, and the New Orleans Times says a representative type

of Southern womanhood. -Editor Storey of the Chicago Times is building for himself and his young bride a fine suburban residence, and urrounding it with full grown tree conveyed from Indiana. One red ma-ple thus transplanted is sixty feet in

height, and a whole platform-car was -The elder brother of the late Wil iam Howitt (who died at Rome, at 3:30 . m., on March 3) died at his residence Heanor, Derbyshire, England, on pre-cisely the same day and hour. His name was Francis Howitt, and he lived in "the old house at home," which is the subject of one of William Howitt's

-Lope de Vega, the Spanish play wright of the seventeenth century, was one of the most prolific of anthors. ginning to write at the age of 17, he roduced no less than 1,800 dramas, and t is said that every one was acted during his lifetime. His printed plays fill

quarto volumes. -Dr. Newman, the new English Cardinal, plays on the violin and violincello with exquisite taste and skill. On being challenged by an eminent Metho-dist divine to discuss the merits of their faiths in the Birmingham Town Hall, he declined, but said he would "play

the violin against him." -In Manch been exhibited a copy of the first edi-tion of Newton's Principia, containing the antograph of Edmund Halley, the astronomer, who gave it to the Abbot Nazari, the editor for several years of a cientific journal in Rome. The afterwards passed into the possession of Dr. Dalton, whose autograph it also

School and Church. -The Boston School Committee has abolished the kindergarten school. -Hamline University, a new Metho-dist institution at St. Paul, Minn., will be opened next fall, if its solicitors find money enough to finish and furnish the building.

-Miss Harriet Carter, one of the city missionaries, in Boston, has had up-ward of 80 Chinese scholars the past two or three years, in connection with the Chambers Street Sunday-school. -The Rev. Dr. De Koven was wealthy

He left \$40,000 to Racine College, with which he was connected. He was a bachelor, and took a lively interest in the social welfare of the 400 students under his charge. -Jules Ferry's Education bill pro vides for the exclusion of all Jesuita They now have 27 colleges with up-

wards of 800 teachers and a number o ower schools. -The Methodist, Christian, Baptist and Presbyterian pastors of Eaton, O., preached simultaneously the other Sunday morning against Sunday amusements, the exciting cause being a proposed Sunday excursion to Cincinnati.

-There are four schools of theology in or near Chicago—Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist. Their students annually hold a social and religious reunion with the most

cordial goad fellowship. This year the Methodists entertained the others. -Superintendent Eliot, of the Bost public schools, recommends an interval of two sessions between the offense of a pupil and the "blows struck on the hand with a rattan" permitted by Bay State law. A still longer period would be popular with Bostionan youth.

-Dr. Shaw, the popular pastor of the largest Presbyterian Church in Rochester, N. Y., and one of the largest in the country, says that women pray at his prayer meetings, and he would like to see any body try to stop them. The women of his Church agree

ntends to enter the ministry again soon Mrs. Blackwell was the first ordained minister among women in this country. She was settled and ordained at South Butler, in New York. Now after years of broader experience she will resume her old position. -Rev. Dr. Ingram, who died recently

in Shetland at the age of 103, is said to have been the oldest minister in the world. Four generations of the Ingrams have lived in the same house in Shetland, and they were long genera-tions, too. The deceased's father died at the age of 100, and his grandfather -Among the English speaking peo ple of the world Episcopalians rank first in number, with 17,750,000; Meth-

alists, with 7,000,000 and Unitarians with 1,000,000. Science and Industry. -A vein of cannel coal has been diovered near Rome, Ga. —In Venezuela they are making flour from unripe dried bananas.

500,000; Presbyterians, with 10,000,000;

Baptists, with 8,000,000; Congregation-

-Over 80,000 tons of guano een sold in Georgia this season. -One million hands are engaged in aising and manufacturing tobacco.

-An Augusta (Ga.) man has sold lieu of dower, as a personal and inalien seven bushels of watermelon seed at the rate of thirty-two dollars a bushel.

able provision, £6,000 a year throughout her life, and to be paid quarterly to -The consumption of corn husks in the making of mattresses and the like is becoming immense in all our large

-The consumption of rubber by our manufacturers continues as large as ever, the imports amounting to about 12,000 pounds per annum, chiefly obtained in South America. The price ranges from 20 to 50 cents per pound. -An ingenious kind of fire-proof joist, wood five inches wide by five eighths of an inch thick belted between two flanged strips of quarter-inch iron, making a beam quite as strong as those of wood

ordinarily employed. -It is stated that a Minnesota miller has invented an entirely new process of grinding wheat, which does away with he millstones now in use and substitutes therefore a vertically running granite disc in direct combination with circle segment of French burr. This new process produces 80 per cent. of

-The Board of Directors of the S Louis Fair Association have decided to hold a two weeks' Exposition prior to the annual Fair in October. The Exposition will open on Sept. 22 and the Fair on October 6. Five thousand dolars appropriated for millitary contests

during the Exposition and a firemen's tournament will probably be arranged. -The Boston Commercial Bulletin, in an article on "shoddy carriages," shows how they are made so that they can be sold at 66f per cent. below those of hon-est material and manufacture. The average cost of a set of shoddy wheels, for instance, is only \$3 or \$4, while a good. reliable set of wheels costs about \$18, and the body is put together, from the poorest material, in the flimsiest man-

-The production of coffee has in-creased during the last half-century from 1,900,000 cwt. to 8,500,000 cwt The consumption of the article is estimated for each inhabitant of Belgium to be 8.22 lbs. per annum; of Holland, 7 lbs.; of Switzerland, 6.76 lbs.; of Depmark, 4.83 lbs.; the Zollverein, 4.35 lbs.; of Sweden, 3.60 lbs.; of Italy, 0.94 lbs.; of Great Britain, 0.83 lbs.; and of Russia, 0.18 lbs.

Haps and Mishaps. -Mr. David Wilson was literally cut n two in a saw-mill at Bono, Ind. -John Leed, aged 14, of Uniontown,

O., died in great agony from eating poisoned candy. -A little daughter of John Thompson of Conway, O., was burned to death by her clothes taking fire from a stove. —Frank Ried, aged 18, of Decatur, Ill., was shot through the head by his own gun while he was climbing a fence.

while hunting. -Miss Mettie Harrison, aged 18, who lives near Cedartown, Ga., was burned her clothing having caught fire.

-At Tiffin, O., Miss Kate Pfeiffer, aged 19, was fatally burned by her clothes cathing fire from an open grate, near which she was standing. -A little son of Mr. E. Gravitts of Elkhart, Ind., had his hand so badly in-

jured in a clothes-wringer that amputation was necessary. -A few miles from Farmersville Collin County, Texas, a man named Clark and two of his neighbors went hunting. Clark discharged one barrel of his shotgun at an owl, and went to reload it, putting his foot on the trigger and blowing in at the muzzle. The loaded barrel was accidentally discharg-ed, blowing Clark's head completely

Foreign Notes. —The neglect to invite Mr. Gladstone to the royal wedding is charged to the Queen herself, who is annoyed at her former Prime Minister's course in warring against personal Government by

-Lord Beaconsfield's health, it is asserted, is far from good; indeed, at the late royal wedding he was obliged to remain seated, only raising himself, and appearing to do it with some difficulty, hen the Queen entered.

-Passanante, the would-be assassing of King Humbert, has won the admita-tion of all Italy by the coolness and stoical courage he d splayed during his trial just ended. A bold brigand is always a hero in Italian eyes.

-Margaret and Arthur, Duke and Duchess of Connaught, have cost England a pretty penny. It is reported that the price of fitting up anew the royal yacht Osborne for their bridal trip is about \$100,000. And trade is bad, and work-people on the verge of starvation. -The Paris wits and draughtsmen are making merry over Prince Louis departure to fight the Zulus. They

have him on a wooden rocking-horse; they mount him on a velocipede; they put a badly bent sabre de mon pere in his hand; or again, they bedeck him with carpet-bsg and gun-swab.

—Some of the English papers are carnestly advising the creditors of the City of Glasgow Bank to accept a settlement at 15 shillings in the pound, on the ground that the assessment upon shareholders necessary to pay the whole amount of the bank's debts will ruin the victims. The amount required is

\$11,250 on every share of the par value -It is now announced authoritatively that "the question of the elevation of John Henry Newman to the Car-dinalate is settled in the affirmative." One difficulty in the way has been removed—that growing out of Dr. New-man's unwillingness to leave England Cardinals who are not also Bishops in actual charge of dioceses are, as a rule, required to live in the Holy City. This requirement has been waived in Dr.

be announced shortly after Easter.

—"I suppose you are aware," writes
a London correspondent, "that the Queen is a superb musician, both instrumental and vocal. Etiquette re odists are next, with 14,000,000; and then come Roman Catholics, with 13,quires that her performances should never be heard, however, except by her own family or others of royal blood; but those who have bad the privilege of listening to her say that in early years her voice could compare favorably with the finest opera singers, and that even now her bailed singing is most charm-

The treaty between the Queen of Great Britain and the Emperor of the Germans anent the recent royal marriage engages Victoria to secure to secure rest and rolled to secure re Princess the annual sum of £1,500 to be paid half yearly to the bride for her sole vegetable alkaloid extracted from opium, paur nair yearry to the bride for her sole and separate use, and without any power of anticipation during the period of their marriage. If the wife survive the Prince the Queen is to secure her in Prince the Queen is to secure her in

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THE DEMON OF THE PRAIRIE.

errible Prairie Fires in the Sloux Valley

—The Loss of Life and Property.

[From the Sloux City Journal.] The Sioux Valley from McCook as far north as Beloit, and the country to the westward, was on Saturday the scene of prairie fires which were indescribably appalling in the ruin and widespread devastation they wrought. Our prairie country has heretofore been the theater of thrilling experiences in this line, but the fires of Saturday seem to have been the most destructive to property of any on record in this region. The wind blew a gale and hurled the flames along in great billows which leaped over all ordinary fire breaks, and consumed houses, barns and stock which were

hought to be safe from fiery inve The growth of grass last season was un-usually heavy, and having had no rain since early last fall, every thing was dry as tinder and burned with great rapidity Mest of Eden the fire was very furious and destructive. So far as I heard from, several townships were burned over, and in that immediate section more than forty farmers have lost their houses barns, hay, seed grain, implements stock, in fact about all the persona stock, in fact about all the personal property they possessed. O.B. Wheelock of Eden, who was in the city yesterday, tells us that from his store door he counted thirteen burning houses at one time. Many of the men burned out were in town that day, and seeing the fire sweeping down almost with the speed of the wind, started their teams in hot haste for home, which in some cases were in plain sight of the village, but before they could get there the flames had swooped down upon their places and left nothing but rains where but a few moments before had stood house, barn, stacks, and all the conveniences and appointments of prosperous ences and appointments of prosperous iences and appointments of prosperous homes. It was simply awful, and our stricken people are almost dazed by the terrible blow which has fallen upon them. Among the buildings burned was a large Norwegian church five miles west of Eden. It is reported that in this neighborhood a child was so badly burned that it died in a few hours, and the fether in attempting to save it was

-Every now and then some chap writes to a newspaper for a recipe to prevent hair from coming out. If men would go home from the lodge before midnight with their legs sober, their hair wouldn't come out so rapidly. We always go home early, and we have always go home early, and we have more hair now than the day we were the father in attempting to save it was also so seriously scorched that his life was despaired of. At this writing details from the stricken section are very meager, and it is sad to think that when the particulars of the dire disaster begin to come in we shall undoubtedly have -A lawyer, the other day, ugly as sin and famous for his big nose, was engaged in resisting a decree of divorce on the ground that the husband had pardoned, and been reconciled to the wife. After the manner of some lawyers, he spoke of "I" and "me," instead of "my client." Warming up to the occasion, he said: "You have pretended to the will fairly make our hearts bleed with sortow and pity. Five miles northeast of Beloit a Norwegian name that you never granted me reconcilia- ed Nicholson, while end tion or pardon. What then is the save his house, was caught in the fire and meaning of this letter that you wrote fatally burned. He was taken to Beloit still alive, but there was no hope of his me on the 15th of December, and which Ill., was shot through the head by his own gun while he was climbing a fence.

—George Steck, son of Judge Amos Steck of Denver, Col., was killed by the accidental discharge of his own gun -The Burlington young man who went to Leadville in February to make barns, grain, stock, etc., though at this writing it is not known that any dwelling-houses, were destroyed. Andrew his fortune returned home yesterday evening, having made it. He reports the walking from Leadville to Pueblo as ing houses were destroyed. Andrew Hoyt, two and a half miles from Portlandville, lost his barn, granary, farm machinery, several head of young cattle and a lot of hogs. A school-house in this vicinity was burned. The fire raged fiercely at McCook, and did considerable damage, as reported in our columns Sunday morning. It was at this point the telegraph poles were burned and communication by wire cut off. The damage, however, was promptly repairthe walking from Leadville to Pueblo as terrible, but from that point on as far east as Larned it improved, and from Larned to Osage City he got along with comparatively little fatigue and nothing to eat; from Osage City to Atchison the walking grew rapidly worse and his fatigue increased out of all proportion to his rations, and from Hopkins to Burling to the state of the state his rations, and from Hopkins to Burlington the walking was so beastly that the occasional lifts he was able to beg or steal on freight trains didn't count for any thing. He expresses himself as highly pleased with Leadville, and thinks of going back again, but not this century. He excused the style of his raiment, by saying that nobody in Leadville wore any more than one leg to their pantaloons.—Burlington Hawkeye. on the south side of the railroad track, burning a granary belonging to Eric Richardson, and destroying 700 bushels of seed wheat—burning 200 bushels and spoiling the balance, so that it is worthless except for feed. The fire also burned a school-house with all the A SPRING POEM SPRUNG.

The cow gambols over the green, And the turnips sprout in the soi; While out steps the buckwheat cake, And in steps the red rosy boil. The awnings are yawning above us, The whitewasher laugheth in glee; And the ladies are bobbing around To see what new styles they can see. April bills are just ready to blossom, The corn-doctor hovers around, While the merchant stirs up his trade, And the farmer likewise the ground. The bees are beginning to bumble, The haw-tree gives out a haw-haw; The beer-trade commences to brighten, And the free-luncher getteth his slaw. Ther soon will the hand-organ grind "Gentle Annie" and "Grandfather's Clock!" And the festive cat will yell on the feuce-Also, suctioneers selling old stock. But with all these joys there are sorrows, And the worst, we desire you to Know it, Is the budding of that incomprehensible thing.

That is known as the gentle spring poet.

- Wheeling Standard. contents, also much fence and hay and an unoccupied house on the Rennick place. By the same fire John D. Wood lost his house, barn and three cows. F. M. Budde lost his house and stabling, and a place known as the Abbott House was also burned. The destruction on every hand is widespread. On the same day, at White Swan, just opposite Fort Randall, a prairie fire burned the telegraph, express and post-offices, the Government stables with contents, except stock, which was saved. The telegraph office lost its instruments, and, until new ones are supplied, the point is cut off from telegraphic communication, or else we would have fuller particulars from that point, where the fire seems to have been very destructive. Further intelligence from the burned section

> At a wedding in South Carolina last month an incident occurred aptly illus-trating social life in the United States. Following are particulars of the prairie fire west of Eden Saturday and Sun-The bridegroom, who belonged to the "first Southern families," took exception to the phraseology of the officiating clergyman and remarked, "You shouldn't say those uns whom the Lord both jined together but them was " day. The fire started near Line Saturday forenoon about 11 o'clock, a northwest wind blowing a perfect gale at the time, which caused the fire to spread over several townships and burn-ed about half of the settlers out of house shouldn't say those uns whom the Lord hath jined together, but them uns."
> The preacher, who prided himself upon the "high-toned" quality of his language, quietly dropped his hand into the pocket of his surplice and interpolated: "You jist paddle your own cance, young feller, or your trouble'll begin same enuif. I'm runnin' this team party, I am—as I said afore, my beloved hearers—those uns as the Lord"—
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> Just then the bridegroom made a motion toward his hip, but before he could draw the minister fired from his pocket and the young man fell dead at his feet. Instantly the whole church was filled with blazing pistols. In less than five seconds the only person left alive was the bride, who had ducked behind the pulpit early in the action. The halfmarried female gazed musingly around married female gazed musingly arou Others were badly singed in trying to quench the flames. The stock was saved by turning it at large. It was

> > -Scene, a South End horse car. Enter an elaborately dressed lady, dia-mond solitaires, eight-button kids, etc. Car crowded. At first no one moves. Soon a gentleman offers his seat. "Thank you; you are the only gentle-man here. The rest is hogs." Fact.--

married female gazed musingly around and remarked as she started for home: "These self-cocking revolvers is play-ing the mischief round here, and that's ing the mischief round here, and that's a fact!"—English Paper.

An Infantile Opium Eater.

A medical man called the attention of an Appeal commissioner on yesterday to a curious case. It was that of a confirmed opium eater aged but thirteen saved by turning it at large. It was compelled to go with the fire until it got on plowed ground, where it stayed in safety. One man lost one horse and one colt as he turned them out. They became frightened and, returning to the burning stable, perished in the flames. Other stock is reported lost in the same way. It will take the settlers a long time to get over the loss by the fire, and a great many who have mortgaged a great many who have mortgaged their lands in order to get a start have firmed opium eater aged but thirteen The child, when a few months old, suf-fered from what is commonly known in household word; as "belly-ache." In